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and men. If it succeeds in teaching the trick to its young, a protective habit of great value will be formed.

F. B. LOOMIS.

**Feathered Game of the Northeast.**<sup>1</sup>—In a volume of 432 pages Walter H. Rich, “a keen sportsman,” has written of game birds for the man “whose nature study has been conducted . . . mostly over a gun-barrel.” He hopes that the scientific ornithologist as well, may find its pages of interest and profit. There are eighty original, full-page half-tone pictures of the birds, which are unusually life-like and in which color contrasts are well brought out. There are also a few hunting scenes, and one drawing in color presenting a pair of wood ducks. The descriptions of the birds are informal, and the author’s joy in killing them is undisguised. He admires the woodcock’s “lead-carrying grit,” and a typical anecdote concludes,—“So the war went on until a lucky shot tumbled the bird from his perch minus half his head.” Flavors of the birds are discussed as follows,—“The Sora Rail is usually introduced to the epicure in the form of a pie, and it is in this stage that it makes its best showing”; of the solitary sandpiper he says,—“I think he makes a good impression when, after being skinned, wrapped in a thin piece of fat pork and enclosed in a big potato, he has been well baked.” The spruce grouse is “a pretty fowl for a dining room ‘bird piece.’” The shooting of whistlers is enthusiastically described. These ducks are now protected within Boston’s limits and during the winter they give pleasure to hundreds of people who cross the Charles River daily. Their former destruction, as seen by the genial Autocrat, led him almost to lose his temper, for he wrote,—

He knows you! “sportsmen” from suburban alleys,  
Stretched under seaweed in the treacherous punt;  
Knows every lazy, shiftless lout that sallies  
Forth to waste powder — as *he* says, to “hunt.”

In presenting this book the publishers announce that it contains a “timely plea for moderation in seeking game.” Brother sportsmen are asked to paste in their hats the motto “Don’t forget to leave enough for seed.” The author says that “the Whistlers seem to be holding their own in the struggle for existence — a thing which can be said of few of the duck family” and that “indeed it is a matter for wonder

<sup>1</sup> Rich, W. H. *Feathered Game of the Northeast*. New York, Thomas G. Crowell & Co., 1907. 8vo, 16 + 432 p., illus. \$3.00.

that the shore-birds were not exterminated long ago." He would stop spring shooting and close our markets to the sale of game. We wish that the 'great brotherhood of sportsmen' would agree to this. Their attempt to pose as 'lovers of bird life,' as ornithologists, or as 'Roosevelt-like' is unsuccessful; and if our author really desires to "work loyally in an effort to save our wild life from the extermination which threatens," will he continue to destroy it?

F. T. LEWIS.

**Game Laws for 1907.**—*Farmers' Bulletin 308* of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture presents a summary of the game laws of the United States and Canadian Provinces. In the number of bills introduced and in the general demand for change of some sort the record of 1907 is second to that of no previous year, although the number of bills actually passed was equaled by the legislation of 1905. Most of the changes were made to secure greater protection. In several states the seasons were closed entirely for certain kinds of game. On the other hand in many places certain restrictions were removed. The legislation is said to be in a transition stage; settled policies have not been determined but various compromises are made between the sportsmen, the ornithologists' unions, and the majority of people with whom such legislation is by no means an issue. Thus these laws are arbitrary, complex, and difficult of enforcement. Hunting is prohibited in some Maryland counties on election day; water-fowl are protected on Mondays in Ohio. A Maine license which requires \$5.00 ordinarily for the shipment of a moose, etc., permits shipment to a hospital. Alaska allows the sportsman 25 shore birds a day, whereas Maine permits 15 ducks and 70 sandpipers. Such whimsical laws cannot be permanent, and the study of the situation now being conducted should lead to their improvement. Many measures, last year, were allowed to fail rather than pass in an unsatisfactory form.

F. T. LEWIS.

**Notes on the Structure of Insects.**—*The Ovaries of the Hemiptera.*—In a recent review the writer referred to the two opposing views regarding the development of the sex-cells in the ovaries of insects. As is well known, each ovary consists of a variable number of egg-tubes opening into the oviduct. Each tube is divided into three zones: 1st, the *terminal filament* which, uniting with those from neighboring tubes, forms the suspensorium of the organ; 2nd, the *terminal chamber* and, 3rd, the *germarium* or chambered egg-tube.